



***ARIZONA STATE SENATE***  
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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1198

public library operation; third-party contracts

Purpose

Modifies county agreements to operate a county free library.

Background

A County Board of Supervisors (Board) may establish a county free library district (district) serving the county and all cities and towns within its jurisdiction (A.R.S. § 48-3901). A county free library provides library services and may include branch locations as determined by the Board. Any incorporated city or town in a county may join an established district and at any time may notify the Board of its desire to withdraw (A.R.S. § 11-903).

Alternately, instead of establishing a district, the Board may contract with a free public library of an incorporated city or town within the county (A.R.S. § 11-904). This contract allows a free public library to provide library services for a county and its incorporated cities and towns. Currently, counties without an established library district include Graham, Greenlee, La Paz and Santa Cruz counties.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Allows a Board to contract with the governing board of a school district, community college district or a nonprofit corporation to operate a library.
2. Removes the requirement for a Board to pay into the library fund of an incorporated city or town.
3. Allows a school district governing board to establish intergovernmental agreements with counties where the school district is located.
4. Makes technical and conforming changes.

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5. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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